

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claims 27, 29-54, 64, 67, and 71-86 have been canceled. Claims 1-18, 20-26, 28, 55-63, 65-66, and 68-70 are pending, of which claims 1-18, 20-26, 28, 55-63, 65-66, and 68-70 have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant contacted the Examiner by telephone on March 1, 2006 to discuss the pending Office Action dated December 2, 2005. Applicant appreciates the Examiner taking time to discuss the subject application in an effort to advance prosecution, and to place the claims in condition for allowance over the references of record. Accordingly, the pending claims are amended herein such that:

Claim 1 along with dependent claims 2-17 are allowable;

Claim 18 along with dependent claims 20-26 and 28 are allowable; and

Claim 55 along with dependent claims 56-63, 65-66, and 68-70 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 8 are objected to for informalities (*Office Action* p.2). Appropriate amendments have been provided herein and Applicant respectfully requests that the claim objections be withdrawn.

1 **35 U.S.C. §101 Claim Rejections**

2 Claims 39-41, 64, 67, 71-72, 79-80, and 86 are rejected under
3 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter (*Office*
4 *Action* p.3). Appropriate amendments have been provided herein and Applicant
5 respectfully requests that the §101 claim rejections be withdrawn.

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7 **35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections**

8 **A.** Claims 1-14, 18, 20-24, 27-36, 39-40, 42-67, and 72-86 are rejected
9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over a document entitled "Windows
10 2000 Active Directory" by Lowe-Norris (hereinafter, "Norris") in view of
11 Applicant's Background (hereinafter, "Background") (*Office Action* p.3).

12 **B.** Claims 15-17, 25-26, 37-38, 41, and 68-71 are rejected under
13 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over Norris and Background, further in view of
14 U.S. Patent No. 6,295,541 to Bodnar et al. (hereinafter, "Bodnar").

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16 As described above, all pending claims 1-18, 20-26, 28, 55-63, 65-66, and
17 68-70 are in condition for allowance over any one or combination of Norris, the
18 Background, and/or Bodnar. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the
19 §103 rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Pending claims 1-18, 20-26, 28, 55-63, 65-66, and 68-70 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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